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the date of resignation or the date when the resignation was received by the President of the Local Board or the date of confirmation of the communication was urged should be taken into consideration?"

Mr. E. CONRAN SMITH:—"The instructions issued by the Government are only executive instructions. They do not relate to the question raised by the hon. Member, which is a matter for the courts."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"When there is a specific Government Order issued by the Government in 1931 that, when a member denies having sent in his resignation, it must not be given effect to, may I know the reason why the Taluk Board President did not give effect to that Government Order?"

Mr. E. CONRAN SMITH:—"The question should be addressed to the Taluk Board President."

Appointment of the President, District Board, Kistna, as Special Officer for the conduct of elections to the panchayats in the district.

*510 Q.—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the President, District Board, Kistna, was appointed special officer to conduct elections to the panchayats in his district till a district panchayat officer was appointed in due course;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the order appointing him as special officer was subsequently cancelled;

(c) who originally suggested the appointment, the Government or the Inspector of Local Boards and Municipalities; and

(d) on whose suggestion was the order cancelled and what the reasons are for the same?

A.—(a) The President, District Board, Kistna, was appointed Election Officer in connexion with the conduct of elections to panchayats in the district.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Inspector of Municipal Councils as Election authority made the appointment.

(d) At the instance of Government. The appointment was contrary to the scheme and spirit of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920.

Medical Administration

Leave allowances of medical officers compelled to go on leave preparatory to retirement.

*511 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether in their Order No. 712, P.H., dated 24th March 1932, the Government compelled any medical officers to go on leave preliminary to retirements and, if so, their names, the date from which their